NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS FOR WATERS AND POLLUTANTS OF CONCERN IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA
November 18, 2013

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that the State of Georgia has developed proposed total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for individual pollutants for a number of segments of rivers and streams in the Coosa and Tennessee River Basins.

Section 303(d)(1)(C) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. 1313(d)(1)(C), and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency implementing regulation, 40 C.F.R. 130.7(c)(1), require the establishment of total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for waters identified in accordance with Section 303(d)(2)(A) of the CWA. Each TMDL is to be established at a level necessary to implement applicable water quality standards with seasonal variations and a margin of safety. TMDLs are proposed for the following waters:

Tennessee River Basin
East Chickamauga Creek – Fecal Coliform Bacteria
Ivylog Creek – Fecal Coliform Bacteria

Coosa River Basin
Sumac Creek – Fecal Coliform Bacteria

The Coosa River Basin TMDL for PCBs in Fish Tissue and Commercial Fishing Ban due to PCBs (as revised in January 2009) is being amended to include the two segments shown in Table 1. These segments have been documented as restricted for fish consumption due to elevated PCB levels in fish tissue. The following text (Section 1.1, page 1) has been modified to incorporate the additional two segments.

> The State of Georgia has identified thirty-six (36) segments in the Coosa River Basin as not supporting their designated use due to the issuance of fish consumption guidelines (FCG) or a commercial fishing ban (CFB) because of polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contamination (see Table 1).

The additional two segments have been added to Table 1 on page 2 as follows:

| Listed Segment | Location | Miles | Criteria | Status |
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| Coosawattee River | US Highway 411 to Noblet Creek, downstream Carters Lake (Gordon Co.) | 10 | FCG | Not Supporting |
| Coosawattee River | Noblet Creek to Salacoa Creek (Gordon Co.) | 5 | FCG | Not Supporting |

All other portions of the TMDL remain the same. The water quality standard is the target for the TMDL. Georgia EPD is requesting comments on the changes noted above.

A copy of this notice and a copy of each TMDL may be reviewed during normal business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except official State holidays or EPD office closures) at the following location: Environmental Protection Division, Watershed Protection Branch, 4220 International Parkway, Suite 101, Atlanta, Georgia 30354, (404) 675-6236.

A single copy of each TMDL is available by written or phone request to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division. Please direct requests to Ms. Theresa Hankerson at the address or phone number given above. If additional copies are requested, a copying charge of 10 cents per page will be assessed. A copy of each TMDL is also available online at:

http://www.gaepd.org/Documents/TMDL_page.html#ProposedTMDLs

Written comments are welcomed. To insure their consideration, written comments should be received on or before 4:00 p.m., December 23, 2013. Written comments should be addressed to: Mr. James A. Capp, Branch Chief, Watershed Protection Branch, 4220 International Parkway, Suite 101, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. Comments may be emailed to EPDComments@dnr.state.ga.us. If you choose to e-mail your comments, please be sure to include the words “TMDL” somewhere in the subject line to help ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.

For technical information contact Ms. Debbie Siemon, TMDL Modeling and Development Unit, Watershed Planning and Monitoring Program, (404) 675-1673.

After a review of comments, a final decision on each of the proposed TMDLs will be made and the proposed TMDL will be submitted to the USEPA for approval.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom you believe will be interested in this matter.